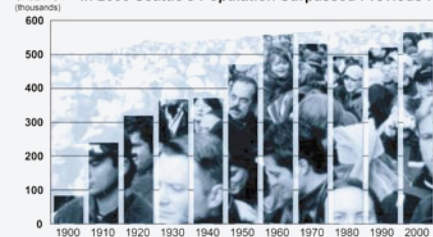


## Household Makeup

One-person households are nearly as common as family households.  
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000



## In 2000 Seattle's Population Surpassed Previous Peak



Sources: 1900-1990: U.S. Census Bureau online [www.census.gov/population/documentation](http://www.census.gov/population/documentation), various tables; 2000: U.S. Census Bureau, 2001, Census 2000

*"We really only have two choices: we can either control growth or we can let growth control us. We can either manage growth and direct change in ways that reflect our values as a community or we can stand idly by and watch growth slowly bury everything we treasure."*

—Mayor Norm Rice, Seattle Comprehensive Plan:  
Toward a Sustainable Seattle, prepared remarks April 14, 1993



Seattle is now home to more than 572,000 people and an additional 2.8 million people live in the greater Puget Sound region. Attractive to the young and highly-educated, Seattle owes much of its recent growth to international immigrants and migrants from other states. Migration makes the city more racially and ethnically diverse and contributes to a healthy economic climate. Seattle incomes (both household and family) consistently rank high among U.S. cities.

Seattle has a long history of cultural diversity, thriving today in areas such as the International District, Ballard and the Rainier Valley. Celebrating, preserving and sharing the rich traditions of the region's diverse communities make Seattle vibrant. Over the years, Seattle has helped usher diversity into the political limelight.



## Major milestones:

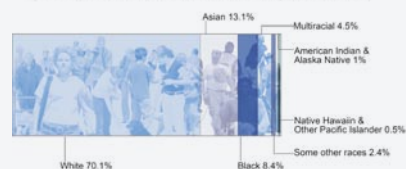
- 1926 Bertha Knight Landes, elected Seattle Mayor.  
First woman executive of a major American city.
- 1962 Wing Luke, elected to the Seattle City Council.  
First Chinese American elected to a major post in the continental United States.
- 1992 Velma Veloria, elected Washington State Representative for District 11 (Southeast Seattle)  
First Asian American elected to a state legislature in the continental United States.

Census 2000 reported one-third of Seattleites were people of color—Hispanic or a race other than white. Notably, half of the city's children were people of color suggesting an even more diverse population in Seattle's future.

- One in six Seattle residents was born abroad.  
(Source: US Census Bureau, Census 2000)
- Seattle draws and retains young adults making people ages 20 to 34 the city's largest age group.  
(Source: US Census Bureau, Census 2000)
- More Seattle adults have a bachelor's degree or higher level of education more than in any other U.S. city of 50,000 or more.  
(Source: US Census Bureau 2003 American Community Survey)

## Racial Diversity & Hispanic Ethnicity in Seattle, 2000

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2001 Table GP-1, Profile of General Demographic Characteristics 2000



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